MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the total number of teachers in primary classes under private management, who do not get any grant-in-aid just at present?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The total number has been estimated to be 1714.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason in not proposing to give grants to the remaining persons?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: They have not become eligible for the grant under the rules. A school must be a complete Primary School before aid is given.

PRESIDENT: Before putting this to the vote I should like to announce to the honourable House the intention of the Government in regard to Primary Education. A class of teachers in Primary Schools have been very conspicuously brought to the notice of the Government. These poor people are supposed to get salaries from 8 to 10 rupees but really they draw only Rs. 3 or Rs. 4 per month and the rest of the money goes into the pockets of various functionaries up to the Manager. Taking everything into account, as soon as possible, when the present strain in the food supplies is over, Government propose to take under control the entire Primary Education of the State so that every teacher would be a Government servant. The scheme will be spread over a period of years and when it is properly matured, it will be put forward.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIII.—UPLIFT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARN PILLAI: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5,000 under Demand XXIII—Uplift of Backward Communities. Sir, in extension of the policy of Government to give greater facilities to the pupils belonging to the Backward Communities, it is now proposed to start two hostels for those pupils who have been granted the benefit of full fee concessions. These hostels are to be started one in North Travancore, *viz.*, at Kottayam and another in South Travancore, *viz.*, at Nagercoil. It is well known to the honourable members of this House that there are no facilities for hostel accommodation for the pupils of the Backward Communities who have to shift for themselves or be accommodated in hostels intended for particular communities. This is only the first step in a comprehensive scheme and the expenditure on this account will come to about Rs. 5,000 which I hope the House will sanction.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—MEDICAL.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 9,000 under Demand XXIV—Medical. This amount is required to give credit to the Forest Department on account of the free grant of timber to the Shashtiabdapoorthi Memorial Committee, Alleppey for the construction of a new out-patient block and a general ward in the District Hospital there. As the invoice for the

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